



NOTICE

OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

(Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21092 and 21092.3 and Cal. Code of Regulations Title 14, Sections 15072, 15073 and 15087)

DATE: June 14, 2006
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

This Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Report (SEIR) has been prepared for the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport Project by the City of Santa Clara as the Lead Agency in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines.

Project Description and Location:

The proposed project is a **Use Permit** to allow for the construction and operation of a State permitted hospital heliport for emergency air ambulance flights (File(s):PLN2004-04382 / CEQ2005-01031/ SCH#2004122113). The hospital heliport (an elevated helipad) is proposed to be located adjacent to the main Kaiser Permanente Hospital under construction on a 53-acre site, at 700 Lawrence Expressway (APN's: 316-09-033, 035, 039, 041), at Homestead Road in the City of Santa Clara. The helipad would be used for the emergency evacuation of critically ill patients to other medical facilities to receive specialized treatment.

Background: An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is a full disclosure, public information document in which the significant environmental impacts of a proposed project are evaluated, feasible measures to mitigate significant environmental effects are identified, and alternatives to the project that can reduce or avoid significant environmental effects are discussed. An EIR (Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Replacement Project, SCH# 1993091094) that addressed adoption of the current zoning on the Lawrence Expressway hospital site, was certified by the City Council in 1995. The 1995 Final Environmental Impact Report (1995 Final EIR) addressed the physical impacts of buildout of a hospital and medical office buildings to replace the Kaiser Permanente facilities on Kiely Boulevard in Santa Clara. The proposed emergency heliport represents an additional use at the site, not previously addressed in the 1995 Final EIR.

An Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration were prepared in December 2004 on the proposed helipad project and circulated for a 30 day review period ending on January 20, 2005. The project description was subsequently modified to account for the possibility of additional emergency evacuations. Based upon the modified project description, it was identified that a significant periodic noise impact could occur in the future. This significant environmental effect was not previously identified in the 1995 Final EIR or the December 2004 Initial Study and would not be mitigated by measures included in the project.

If only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised, the Lead Agency, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15163, may choose to prepare a Supplement to the EIR (a Supplemental EIR). The purpose of this Draft SEIR is to inform decision makers and the general public of the potential environmental effects of the proposed Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Heliport project, to identify ways in which any significant effects might be minimized, and to identify alternatives to the project that could avoid or

reduce those significant impacts. A Draft SEIR is given the same kind of notice and public review as a Draft EIR and may be circulated by itself, without recirculating the previous Draft or Final EIR. The decision-making body shall consider the previous EIR as revised by the Supplemental EIR in their decision whether or not to approve the project.

Availability of the Documents: A complete copy of the Draft SEIR for this project may be reviewed at the following locations:

City of Santa Clara – City Hall
Department of Planning and Inspection (West Wing)
1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050

Santa Clara Central Library
2635 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95051

The Draft SEIR can also be downloaded through the City's website at: http://www.ci.santa-clara.ca.us/city_gov/city_gov_current_issues.html

Public Comment Period: The public comment period on the DEIR will extend for 45 days, **beginning Wednesday June 14, 2006 and ending Monday, July 31, 2006**. Comments that will be addressed and included in the Final EIR (FEIR) must be submitted in writing on or before the end of the public comment period. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted no later than **5:00 PM on July 31, 2006** to:

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